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House Committee on Health

SB 2827, SD 1, RELATING TO THE TRAUMA SYSTEM SPECIAL FUND

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

Friday, March 16, 2012, 9:30 am

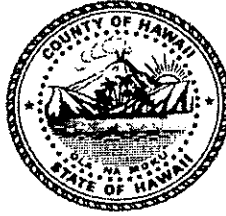
- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports this Administration bill.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** None
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** In 2006, the Legislature established the Trauma System Special Fund
- 4 (TSSF) and charged the Department of Health to use the funds to build a comprehensive trauma system
- 5 to reduce deaths and disabilities from injury in our state. A comprehensive trauma system, as outlined
- 6 by the Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA) in its 2006 document Model Trauma System
- 7 Planning and Evaluation, and the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma's Resources for
- 8 the Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, includes injury prevention as an essential component.
- 9 The Department currently has a strong injury prevention program, but it is primarily funded
- 10 through federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Preventive Health and Health
- 11 Services Block Grant (PHHBG). This year PHHBG funding was reduced by 25%, with further
- 12 reductions likely in the coming year. The possible elimination of this funding threatens to reduce
- 13 capacity to address injury in Hawaii. We cannot afford to let that happen, because injury is the leading

1 cause of death and disability in our citizens 1-44 years of age, and also takes a significant toll on our
2 kupuna. Prevention programs are the most cost-effective method to reduce the burden of injury
3 The language guiding the use of the TSSF currently emphasizes hospital and physician services. The
4 majority of TSSF spending to date has been in those areas, and they will continue to receive the majority
5 of funds. However, this measure will establish the TSSF as a potential source of injury prevention
6 program funding for the future, assuring that the State will have a truly comprehensive trauma system.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2827

**A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRAUMA
SYSTEM SPECIAL FUND**

Committee on Health
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Friday March 16, 2012, 9:30 AM
State Capitol, Room 329

Representative Yamane and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney supports the SB 2827, Relating to the Trauma System Special Fund. The intent of this Bill is to expand the use of the Trauma System Special Fund to funding to be used to staff and operate the State's injury prevention program.

Over the last 10 years our office has worked very closely with the State's Injury Prevention program to reduce traffic deaths in our state. The State's Injury Prevention program has played a key role in the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). In 2006, there were 163 traffic related fatalities in the State of Hawaii. With the help of the State's Injury Prevention Program and other key team members, last year we were able to bring our traffic safety deaths down to 100.

This State's Injury Prevention Program has not only helped saved lives but has also saved valuable tax payer dollars by helping to reduce injuries and deaths.

For these reasons, The Hawaii County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney strongly supports SB 2827. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

March 16, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

Regarding S.B. 2827, SD2 Relating to the Trauma System Special Fund

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Caesar Ursic, MD, FACS, Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery JABSOM and Trauma Medical Director of The Queen's Medical Center (QMC), testifying on S.B. 2827, SD2 which expands the use of the Trauma System Special fund to allow the fund to be applied towards supporting the staffing of the Department of Health's injury prevention program. QHS supports this measure, recognizing that the work of the injury prevention program is an essential part of the State's comprehensive trauma system. We believe supporting its staffing with the Trauma System Special fund is an appropriate and related use of the fund.

The Trauma System Special fund was created in 2006 to provide support to all Hawaii hospitals that provide care to trauma patients. The Department of Health, hospitals that provide care to trauma patients, and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii collaborated to support the fund's creation and funding mechanisms to ensure the highest quality of trauma care for the people of Hawaii. As the heart of the State's trauma care system, QMC provided care for more than 2,000 patients with trauma related injuries in 2010. This includes providing state of the art equipment and 24/7 on call physicians to provide the emergent trauma care. The pressure on hospitals is exacerbated by the high cost of providing care to these patients, who are often very critical and require extensive support. QHS appreciates the Legislature's continued recognition that trauma care is a public health priority.

QHS further appreciates the Department of Health's Injury prevention efforts which are necessary to reduce the burden of injury for Hawaii and as such, its need to ensure appropriate staffing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair

Conference Room 329
March 16, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

Supporting SB 2827 SD1: Relating to the Trauma System Special Fund

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 40,000 people. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2827 SD 1, which clarifies that the Trauma System Special Fund may be used to pay for staff for the State's injury prevention program.

The Legislature created the Trauma System Special Fund in 2006 to support the continuing development and operation of a comprehensive state trauma system. This initiative was largely in response to a 2005 report by the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons, which found that "Progress in trauma system development in Hawaii has been slow and inconsistent." The report contained a number of recommendations for creating a comprehensive trauma system, which incorporates injury prevention and control. This bill explicitly states that the Trauma System Special Fund may be used for injury prevention.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports SB 2827 SD 1.

House Committee on Health

SB2827 SD1 RELATING TO THE TRAUMA SYSTEM SPECIAL FUND

Friday March 16, 2012 - 9:30 AM - Room 329

Testimony of Billie Jean Tang, PT, MPH

CHAIR – Fall Prevention Consortium

March 15, 2012

To the Honorable:

Representative Ryan L. Yamane, Chair; and **Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair**

The Fall Prevention Consortium strongly supports SB2827 SD1, which is being heard March 16th at your 9:30 am hearing. The measure establishes funding for injury prevention under the Trauma System Special Fund. Preventing injuries reduces the burden on the trauma system that is designed to treat those injuries.

Established in 2001, the Fall Prevention Consortium is an advocacy group composed of private, public, agency, and concerned professionals working together to educate as well as reduce the impact of falls on our citizens. Each year over 5,100 children between the ages of 1 to 14 are treated in emergency rooms due to falls. Our *kupuna* suffer even more with over 5,700 treated in ER's however many of them never return home.

Overall, injuries are a major public health concern here in Hawai'i. Injuries take the lives of more children and young adults ages 1-40 years than all other causes of death combined, including heart disease, stroke and cancer. Every 5 hours in Hawaii a senior is injured so severely in a fall that they must be hospitalized. The financial cost of injuries is staggering – in Hawaii, the average annual cost of medical services alone is nearly \$330 million.

Prevention programs are the proven and most cost-effective method to reduce injuries and their astounding burden on the health system, as well as the impact on the injured and their families.

A comprehensive Trauma System that includes prevention and rehabilitation in addition to acute care is critical to Hawaii in reducing injuries and improving the outcomes for those injured. The Department of Health has a strong program that must be maintained as part of a comprehensive Trauma System. In its 2005 review, the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma acknowledged Hawaii's injury prevention program for its accomplishments and important role in an integrated trauma system for Hawaii.

It is therefore, an appropriate use of Trauma System Special Funds and good public policy to ensure the reduction of death and disability to Hawaii's people through a comprehensive Trauma System that includes support for injury prevention as a critical core component.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Billie J. Tang, PT, MPH

Billie Jean Tang



March 16, 2012

Representative Ryan I. Yamane
Committee on Health
State Capitol,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa and Members of the Committee on Health:

Subject: **Support for SB2827, SD1**

The Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC) represents more than forty agencies and individuals who are committed to the protection of the children of Hawai'i from preventable injuries. **KIPC strongly supports SB2827, SD1** which establishes funding for injury prevention under the Trauma System Special Fund.

Injuries take the lives of more children and young adults ages 1-40 years than all other causes of death combined, including heart disease, stroke and cancer. A comprehensive Trauma System that includes prevention and rehabilitation in addition to acute care, is critical to Hawaii in reducing injuries and improving the outcomes for children and youth.

The Department of Health has a strong program that has been instrumental in working with KIPC since 1993 to implement programs and support policies to increase safety practices. One of the most significant examples of our partnership that resulted in improved safety practices and lives saved is the statewide system of child safety seat installations and community car seat checkups by trained child passenger safety specialists. These car seat checkups continue to be provided to the public free of charge through established installation sites and community checkup events statewide and have contributed to child passenger restraint use doubling between 1997 and 2008.

A comprehensive Trauma System that includes support for injury prevention as a critical core component will help to ensure the reduction of death and disability to Hawaii's children and youth and people of all ages. We urge you to support the passage of SB 2827, SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



March 16, 2012, 9:30am

The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Health

Dear Chairman Yamane and Members of the House Committee on Health,

Subject: **Support for SB2827, SD1**

The Injury Prevention Advisory Committee strongly supports SB2827 which establishes funding for injury prevention under the Trauma System Special Fund. Preventing injuries reduces the burden on the trauma system that is designed to treat those injuries.

Established in 1990, the Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (IPAC) is an advocacy group committed to preventing and reducing injury in Hawai'i. IPAC members include public and private agencies, physicians, and professionals working together to address the eight leading areas of injury.

Injuries are a significant public health concern here in Hawai'i. Injuries take the lives of more children and young adults ages 1-40 years than all other causes of death combined, including heart disease, stroke and cancer. The financial cost of injuries is staggering – in Hawaii, the average annual cost of medical services alone is nearly \$330 million.

A comprehensive Trauma System that includes prevention and rehabilitation in addition to acute care, is critical to Hawaii in reducing injuries and improving the outcomes for those injured. The Department of Health has a strong program that must be maintained as part of a comprehensive Trauma System. In its 2005 review, the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma acknowledged Hawaii's injury prevention program for its accomplishments and important role in an integrated trauma system for Hawaii.

It is an appropriate use of Trauma System Special Funds and good public policy to ensure the reduction of death and disability to Hawaii's people through a comprehensive Trauma System that includes support for injury prevention as a critical core component.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Bruce McEwan, Chair
Injury Prevention Advisory Committee

March 16, 2012, 9:30am

The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Health

Dear Chairman Yamane and Members of the House Committee on Health,

Subject: **Support for SB2827, SD1**

My name is Myra Williams and I strongly support SB2827,SD1 which establishes funding for injury prevention under the Trauma System Special Fund. Preventing injuries reduces the burden on the trauma system that is designed to treat those injuries.

I have served on the Injury Prevention and Control Section Advisory committee for a number of years both as an executive with HMSA and as a retiree. Obviously the impact of injury on the cost of health care is significant and engaging in the prevention of injuries is a critical opportunity to impact these cost both in the present and future.

A comprehensive Trauma System that includes prevention and rehabilitation in addition to acute care, is critical to Hawaii in reducing injuries and improving the outcomes for those injured. The Department of Health has a strong program that must be maintained as part of a comprehensive Trauma System. In its 2005 review, the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma acknowledged Hawaii's injury prevention program for its accomplishments and important role in an integrated trauma system for Hawaii.

It is therefore, an appropriate use of Trauma System Special Funds to support a comprehensive Trauma System that includes funding for injury prevention as a critical core component. This bill will help to ensure the reduction of death and disability to Hawaii's people.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB2827,SD1.

Sincerely,

Myra L Williams, MPH
Member of Injury Prevention Advisory Committee

March 15, 2012

The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Health

Subject: **Support for SB2827, SD1**

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support SB2827 SD1, which establishes funding for injury prevention under the Trauma System Special Fund. Preventing injuries reduces the burden on the trauma system that is designed to treat those injuries.

As a member of the Injury Prevention Advisory Committee, I understand the impact injuries have on Hawaii's people --- injuries are the leading cause of death and disability for our residents from the first year of life through age 40.

A comprehensive Trauma System, which must include prevention and rehabilitation in addition to acute care, is critical to Hawaii in reducing injuries and improving the outcomes of those injured. The Department of Health has a nationally recognized program that must be maintained as part of a comprehensive Trauma System. In its 2005 review, the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma acknowledged Hawaii's injury prevention program for its accomplishments and important role in an integrated trauma system for Hawaii. In 2008, the Department's Injury Prevention and Control Program received the national Prevention Program Achievement Award from the State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association.

It is good public policy and appropriate use of Trauma System Special Funds to support a comprehensive Trauma System that includes funding for injury prevention as a critical core component. This bill will help to ensure the reduction of death and disability to Hawaii's people.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SB2827 SD1.

Sincerely,

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Comments:

Please support this bill as the benefits of being able to retrieve valuable data will help in implementing preventative measures that help in making our communities better places to live. The work & efforts in INJURY PREVENTION can save costs that compound without such a worthwhile program. Please support this bill. Thank you!